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1. IN A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "NAMIBIA: HOPE RESTORED," THE ZAIRIAN PRESS AGENCY DAILY BULLETIN FRIDAY CALLED WEDNESDAY'S ACCORD WITH SWAPO "HAPPY NEWS, WHICH SHOULD SHOW ONCE MORE THE VIRTUES OF DIALOGUE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENT CONFLICTS."

2. THE OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT COMMENTARY DOES NOT RULE OUT THE NEED SOMETIMES FOR FIGHTING FOR ONE'S INDEPENDENCE, SAYING: "IT IS TRUE THAT RECOURSE TO ARMS IS SOMETIMES NECESSARY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION", BUT CONTINUES: "BUT THIS STRUGGLE SHOULD NOT SHUT THE DOOR TO DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATIONS."

3. "AS NO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION HAS THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE LEADERS OR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY ON A PEOPLE, THE ORGANIZATION OF ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA, WHERE SWAPO HAS LED AN ARMED STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, WILL CERTAINLY SPARE THAT COUNTRY FROM CHAOS AND ANARCHY. IN EFFECT, THESE ELECTIONS WILL PERMIT THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS AND INSTITUTIONS FREELY."

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4. THE EDITORIAL ENDS WITH A WARNING: "NOW THAT THE ACCORD IS CONCLUDED, THE WESTERN POWERS, AUTHORS OF THE PLAN, HAVE THE MORAL DUTY TO STAND BY THE SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE OF ALL PHASES PLANNED FOR NAMIBIA'S ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE."

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